

WILBUR F. HENDRICK.

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Mr. GALLINGER, from the Committee on Pensions, submitted the following

ADVERSE REPORT.

[To accompany S. 3554.]

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (S. 3554) granting a pension to Wilbur F. Hendrick, have examined the same and report:

The records of the War Department show that this man was enrolled April 7, 1862, in the Tenth New York Volunteers, and he was discharged April 15, 1864.

Original declaration filed March 14, 1879, alleging rupture left testicle and typhoid fever. He was pensioned at \$2, from discharge, for varix of left spermatic vein; increased to \$4 from April 15, 1864, and \$8 from November 3, 1880, for left bubonocoele and varix of left spermatic vein; reissued at \$6 from April 15, 1864, and \$8 from November 3, 1880, for same; increased to \$10 from December 17, 1884. Increase rejected August 18, 1886.

February 5, 1891, he applied for rupture and also on account of disease of eyes; also for hemorrhoids, result of diarrhea and typhoid fever. This claim was rejected April 26, 1893.

Reject disease of eyes on the ground that same is not due to service. Reject piles. No record, and claimant's inability to show origin of same in service. Reject typhoid fever. Claimant states that he does not claim for same.

The medical referee says, in reference to disease of eyes:

The only affection of eyes is that due to a congenital refractive defect.

The examination of claimant's eyes by an expert, December 23, 1892, reports as follows:

In the right there is compound myopic astigmatism. In the left there is compound myopic astigmatism, with very low acuity of vision. There are no evidences in the left eye of the effects of another diseased condition than slight * * * or of the effects of any injury. In my opinion, the defective vision is of congenital origin, as dependent upon the errors of refraction. No rating.

His last examination by a board, June 30, 1891, when he was rated ten-eightieths for varicocele, two-eightieths for pile tumor, and eight-eightieths for loss sight left eye.

It thus appears that at the time his claim was adjudicated no injustice was done the claimant at the Pension Office. No effort has been made to secure increase there since that time. His present condition is not shown.

No reason for Congressional action.